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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* 8th *of April 1929.*
26th *of Meenam 1104.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. I. E. Ambooken, V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, A. L. Antony and A. Eachara Menon, Dr. A. G. Menon and Mr. K. T. Mathew were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Appointments to and promotions in the Lower Grades of the Educational Department.

395. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the minimum qualification required for teaching in (i) the Primary Department and (ii) the Lower Secondary Department;

(b) how many graduates have been newly appointed in the last 10 educational years in (a) the Primary Department, (b)the Lower Secondary Department;

(c) what is the number of appointments in each of the grades with the minimum pay on which these gentlemen were started;

(d) how many promotions have been made during the last 10 educational years into the different grades in the above two Departments;

(e) have there not been instances of graduates being preferred to under-graduates of longer experience than the graduates in the matter of such promotions during the period under reference;

(f) how many such instances were there and what were the reasons for denying such promotions to the under-graduates who were eligible for the same;

(g) what is the number of under-graduates who have been in the same grade for (i) over 12 years, (ii) over 10 years and (iii) over 5 and below 10 years;

(h) is there now in the Lower Secondary Department of the service a graduate who stood as the first in the Presidency in Economics;

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(i) what is his total service;

(j) what is his present grade and pay and how many transfers he had during the last one year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) (i) Vide article 52, C. E. C. as amended by correction slip No. 34. (ii) School Final or Matriculation.

(b), (c) and (d) It is too laborious to furnish these particulars.

(e) Yes.

(f) It is not possible to give the exact number. Deserving under-graduates have been promoted. Graduates were preferred since, apart from their higher qualification, specialists were required for the Secondary Department and the under-graduates of the Primary Department could not teach the special subjects.

(g) (i) 19, (ii) 25 and (iii) 168.

(h) Yes; but he took only a 2nd class in pass course.

(i) Four years and 6 months.

(j) Acting L3, on Rs. 33¾. He had two transfers.

396. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the minimum qualification required for teaching in (a) the Primary Department, (b) the Lower Secondary Department;

(2) how many graduates have been newly appointed during the last 10 academical years in the Primary Department and in the Lower Secondary Department;

(3) what was the starting salary of the persons thus appointed in the 2 grades;

(4) how many promotions have been made during the last 10 school years into the different grades in the above two Departments;

(5) have there not been instances of graduates being preferred to under-graduates in the matter of such promotions;

(6) if the answer is in the affirmative, how many such instances were there and what were the reasons for denying such promotions to the under-graduates eligible for the same;

(7) what is the number of under-graduate teachers in the above two Departments who have been in the same grade (a) for over 12 years, (b) 10 years, (c) 5 years;

(8) is there now in the Lower Secondary Department a graduate who stood first in the Presidency in Economics;

(9) what is his total service;

(10) how long was he kept in the Primary Department;

(11) what is his present salary?

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